--- 7 Cigarettes -"Series of 1897" - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 200% scale ---

--- recess printed in BLACK ink - with yellow gum ---

The Budget of 1897 increased the excise duty from the 1889 rate of $1.50 to $3.00 per thousand for *foreign leaf* cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand, and from $6.00 to $8.00 per thousand for *foreign leaf* cigarettes weighing over 3 pounds per thousand, and also imposed an excise duty of $1.50 per thousand on *domestic leaf* cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand.

★**RC-131** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12,
rollered **6-17 / TOBACCO**

★**RC-131 CP** - 7 cigarettes, perf 12,
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

★**RC-131 SP** - 7 cigarettes, o.g., perf 12,
stamped **SPECIMEN** in 4 mm. Gothic

★**RC-131 DP** - 7 cigarettes,
die proof [CANADA-F-70] on light cardboard

--- the “Imperial Tobacco” cancellation collection - 27 copies to date ---

[★RC-131]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1909	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	---	11	---
1910	1	2	3	4	5	6	---	8	9	---	---	---
1911	1	2	---	---	5	6	7	8	---	---	---	---
1912	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	---	10	---	---
1913	1	---	---	---	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	---
1914	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	---
1915	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	12
1916	---	---	---	---	---	6	7	---	9	---	---	12
191 7	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	8	---	---	---	---

12 has been taken from eBay

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